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April 2009 HIKES AND PROGRAMS

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs.

*Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area & all entry or recreation fees apply.

Hikes and Walks

Wed. 1st, First Creek: Don't be fooled this April Fools Day. There really is beauty in the desert! Join Claire or this afternoon 3 mile hike along the escarpment to the mouth of First Creek Canyon. If we are lucky, we will spot wildlife and a few wildflowers. Limited Space. Ages 10+. Moderate.

Weds. 1st, Grey Peak: Hike with Peppe from Sandstone Quarry to a "great" peak by way of Brownstone Canyon. Strenuous, 6 miles

Wed. 1st, Turtlehead Peak: Join Susan on the traditional route to the top of the peak overshadowing the Calico Hills and Red Rock. The trail to the saddle is steep and loose so hiking sticks are recommended. Limited Space. Ages 18+. Strenuous, 5 miles.

Fri. 3rd, Birding with the Ranger: Join Ranger Jim on a fascinating excursion into the world of bird watching. Join us while we brave the ornithological primeval world of nature, and observe the real life of birds. Limited Space. Ages 15+. Easy, 1 mile.

Fri. 3rd, Keystone Thrust: Join Claire for this 3 mile hike to an interesting land formation where we will see the old and the new clash. We will scramble down a dry waterfall and see the affects of water on sandstone. Limited Space. Ages 10+. Moderate.

Sat. 4th, Red Rock Valley Overlook: You'll boulder up North Peak Canyon with George going to the ridge line near North Peak. The 1200 ft elevation gain is worth all the sweat for the majestic view. Limited Space. Ages 14+. Strenuous, 4 miles.

Sat. 4th, Keystone Thrust: Join Pat for a great hike to the Keystone Thrust and discover where old stone is on top of new stone. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate, 3 miles.

Sun. 5th, Explore Mescalito Falls: This is a great bouldering and scrambling hike with George. Once on the peak, you'll get great views of Pine Creek and of the falls. Limited Space. 6 miles, strenuous.

Tues. 7th, Bird Spring Range: Come with Chris and climb the ridges of the Bird Spring Range above Badger Pass. This hike has an excellent view of Las Vegas and the surrounding areas. The whole hike is 7 miles round trip and has a 1,200 ft elevation gain. Limited Space. Strenuous.

Tues. 7th, La Madre Spring: Join Peppe and explore the history of those who lived in this

beautiful area between the White Rock Hills and the La Madre Mountains on this 6 mile strenuous hike. We will start from the White Rock parking lot and head up to the La Madre Spring and then up to the cabin.

Mondays at the Rock:

Mon. 6nd: Join Jen and start off the week with Mondays at the Rock. This nice little hike round SMYC loop will be a great way to burn some calories. We will hike along the base of the Escarpment and into the Lost Creek area. Moderate, 4 miles.

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Mon. 20th : Join Jen and hike to the amazing thrust fault that geologists from all over the world come to see. Come see what all the excitement is about as we see a dramatic fault line and cultural history remnants. Moderate, 4 miles

Mon. 27rd : Come with Jen and hike Oak Creek Canyon that starts off along a well-used trail, leading into the canyon for some scrambling . We will look for a flowing stream and possibly wildlife. Moderate, 4 miles.

Wed. 8th, Lost Creek: This hike is for families with children on Spring Break. Join Claire on this afternoon hike, exploring some of the artifacts left behind by the Native Americans who once lived in this canyon. If we are lucky, we may see some big horn sheep climbing on the hills overhead. Limited Space. Ages 5+. Easy, 1 mile.

Wed. 8th, La Madre Spring: Join Susan on this gorgeous hike to La Madre Spring. This is a great hike that has an amazing view of Red Rock Canyon and is one of the best places to see wildflowers. Limited Space. Ages 18+. Moderate, 3.5 miles

.Fri. 10th, La Madre Spring: Join Claire and explore the history of those who lived in this beautiful area between the White Rock Hills and the La Madre Mountains on this 5 mile moderate hike. We will keep our eyes open for signs of wildlife along the mountain ridges as well, as we hike up to the cabin. Limited Space. Ages 16+.

Sat. 11th, Wildflowers III: Join Bob on a hike from Willow Spring back towards White Rock Spring. The terrain is interesting and should be a great area to view wildflowers. Ages 10+. Moderate, 3 miles.

Tues. 14th, Mountain Spring Hike: Come hike with Chris to a limestone peak behind the escarpment and above Black Velvet Canyon. This hike truly has some awesome views of the backcountry scenery. This hike is 7 miles round trip with a 1,100 ft elevation gain. Limited Space. Strenuous.

Tues. 14th, Dog Hike: Bring your dogs out for a casual hike through Pine Creek with Jen. This is a good walk for Fido, even if he is new to hiking, and provides great scenery for us to look at along the way. Limited Space. Ages 10+. Moderate, 3 miles

Wed. 15th, Pine Creek Canyon: Join Claire as we learn about the Wilson family who lived in this scenic canyon over seventy years ago. We will look for wildflowers as well as watch for bighorn sheep and other wildlife along the ridges overlooking this 3 mile moderate hike. Limited Space. Ages 16+.

Fri. 17th, Blooming Hike: Come join Ranger Jim on this blooming walk to find what plant life is blossoming in Oak Creek. Limited Space. Ages 15+. Moderate, 4 miles.

Fri. 17th, White Rock Loop: Enjoy the views of Red Rock Canyon with Claire and hike the White Rock Loop. This 6 mile loop will have beautiful scenery, varying terrains, and interesting plant life. Limited Space. Ages 16+. Moderate.

Sat. 18th, Little Zion from Rainbow Spring: Little Zion sits on top of the Escarpment at Red Rock Canyon. This 6 mile round trip hike with George starts at Rainbow Spring to a place filled with majestic color sandstone with an overlook of Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas Valley and Lake Mead, Limited Space. Moderate/strenuous

Sat. 18th, Wildflowers IV: Join Bob on this beautiful hike that has a great view of Red Rock Canyon, and a look back into history of some of the oldest rock formations. Their fossils were being formed beneath shallow seas at the equator. We will be looking for fossils and wildflowers. Ages 6+. Moderate, 3 miles

Sat. 18th, Fossil Ridge: Join Pat for a hike to Fossil Ridge and discover where fossils were left from the ocean bed. This hike has a beautiful view of Red Rock Canyon. Limited Space. Ages 12+. Moderate, 4 miles.

Sun. 19th, Turtlehead Peak: Join George on this strenuous hike, to the summit of Turtlehead Peak. Once there you will be treated to a view sweeping across the Red Rock Escarpment to the Las Vegas Valley. 4 miles. 2,000 ft. gain.

Tues. 21st, Hollow Rock Peak: Come hike with Chris to the southernmost sandstone peak on the escarpment with great views of Cottonwood Valley and the southern part of Las Vegas. This 6 mile hike is very strenuous with a lot of rock scrambling. Limited Space

Wed. 22nd, Plants Power: Come join Ranger Gina to learn about plants that are blooming at Red Rock Canyon in the Lost Creek and Willow Springs area. Limited Space. Easy, 1 mile

Wed. 22nd, Calico Tanks: Enjoy an afternoon hike with Claire as we trek up 2.5 miles to the Calico Tanks. At the top, we will take in an incredible view of the Las Vegas Valley. We will learn why the tanks are so colorful and see examples of Native American history along the way. Limited Space. Ages 16+. Moderate.

Fri. 24th, Calico Hills: Join Claire for this 3 mile moderate hike to and around the base of the Calico Hills to Calico Two, then take the Moenkopi Trail back to the Visitor Center. We will get up close to the famous red rock of Red Rock Canyon and enjoy the scenery as well. Limited Space Ages 10+

Fri. 24th, Wildlife Walk About: Join Ranger Jim on a fascinating excursion into the wild world of Red Rock Canyon. Come see what is watching us as we enter their world. Limited Space. Ages 15+. Moderate, 3 miles.

Sat. 25th, Pine Creek: Our Homestead Heritage Join Pat on a hike that will loop through Pine Creek. Along the way we will be on the lookout for water, animals and at the end, stop at the Homestead foundation. Ages 12+. Limited Space. Moderate, 4 miles.

Sat. 25th, Exploring Calico Hills, Red Cap and Calico Tanks: Start this 4 mile scrambling adventure with George at Sandstone Quarry up to Red Cap and over to Calico Tanks. On top you'll experience a spectacular view overlooking Red Rock. Strenuous.

Sun. 26th, North Peak via Rocky Gap Summit: Enjoy this 4 mile round trip hike with George from Rocky Gap Summit to Limestone North over to Sandstone North Peak for an awesome view overlooking Ice Box Canyon and Bridge Mountain. We'll have lunch overlooking Ice Box Canyon, then go on to the Escarpment for one of the best views of North Fork of Pine Creek and Red Rock Canyon. Moderate/strenuous.

Tues. 28th, North Peak: Join Chris and hike up the Rocky Gap Road to the Red Rock Summit. This trail takes you behind the escarpment and Ice Box Canyon. This is a very strenuous, 12 mile hike that has a 2,800 foot elevation gain. Limited Space.

Wed. 29th, Ice Box Canyon: Come have fun bouldering with Claire in this awesome canyon. See where there can be a potential amount of water flowing at other times of the year. You will definitely see why this canyon got its name on this 2.5 mile moderate hike. Limited Space. Ages 16+.

Visitor Center programs :

Fri. 3rd, Spring Book Club: Join Janis for our spring book club. We will be discussing the book African American Women of the Old West by Tricia Martineau Wagner. Discount given at Red Rock Gift Store.

Sat. 4th, Intro to Red Rock: Come join Ranger Gina and explore the geology, plants, and animals of Red Rock Canyon. This is an ongoing program from 12:00 PM-3:00PM at the Visitor Center. No sign-up is required.

Tues. 7th, Geology of Southern Nevada: Ranger Jim will present a 30 minute power point talk and discussion on the geology of Red Rock Canyon. This power point program will be conducted twice an hour from 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM at the Visitor Center. No sign-up is required.

Tues. 14th, Bats in Our Belfry: Go batty with Ranger Jim and learn about the mammal man has tried to emulate. This is a 25 minute program, conducted twice an hour from 1:00 PM- 4:00 PM at the Visitor Center. No sign-up required.

Sat. 18th Astronomy Program: The Las Vegas Astronomical Society will present a special power point presentation at the Visitor Center from 6:30 P.M.- 10:30 P.M. They will have member telescopes to view objects in our night sky. Gate will close at 6:30 P.M. No sign-ups required.

Tues. 21st, Reptiles: Join Ranger Jim for a 25 minute power point talk and discussion on the reptiles of Red Rock Canyon. This program will be conducted 4-6 times from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Visitor Center. No sign-up is required.

Tues 28th, Night Wings: Come listen to Ranger Jim discuss the nocturnal primeval world of owls. This 30 minute power point program will be conducted at the Visitor Center 4 or 5 times from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. No sign-up is required.

Kid programs

Fri. 3rd, Leaping Lizards: Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about lizards in the Mojave Desert. Children will learn interesting facts, do an activity and discover how cool lizards really are. Limited space.

Sat. 4th, Simply Spiders: Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-12 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy and learn all about spiders. Children will learn interesting facts, engage in a craft and discover how amazing spiders really are! Limited space.

Fri 10th, Slitherin' Snakes: Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about the different types of snakes in the Mojave Desert. Children will learn interesting facts, do an activity and discover how amazing snakes really are. Limited space

Sat. 11th, Jr. Naturalists: Come bring your 2-5 year olds out to Red Rock Canyon for a fun program about the jackrabbits here in the Mojave Desert. Participants will get to hear a story, learn neat facts and do an art project to take home. Limited Space.

Sun. 19th, Plant power for Kids: Come join Ranger Gina to learn about the beautiful blooming plants of the spring. Children will have several activities to complete relating to plants of the Mojave Desert. Limited Space. Ages 4-8 year olds.

Fri. 24th, Flying High with the Birds: Come to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program with Missy about the birds of Red Rock Canyon. Children will learn interesting facts, participate in an activity and discover how spectacular birds really are. Limited space.

Other programs

,Mountain Bike Madness:

Sun. 5th & 26th: No experience is necessary for this introductory mountain bike ride with Jen and John starting from the Late Night parking lot. The 6 mile single track will be a great way to start new to the sport or dust off an old frame.

Helmets are required. Age 10+ , limited space. Beginner /intermediate.

Fri. 9th, and 23rd Canyon Clean Up: Join Janis for a morning of cleaning up trash at Red Rock. Have fun and help keep Red Rock clean. Easy.

Other Area Hikes and programs presented by the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association*

These locations are not on Red Rock Canyon NCA/ Bureau of Land Management land*.

Sat. 4th, and 26th Corn Creek Spring Walk: Corn Creek Spring feeds three ponds at this headquarters of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. It is a major bird watching area and is prime habitat for aquatic and land plants and animals. Join Bob during the morning to observe all these creatures in a surprising setting, and learn about the history and future of the area. Easy, 1/2 mile.15+. Easy, 1 mile.

Sat. 18th, Arrow Canyon Road Trip: Join Aaron and Athena as we explore one of Southern Nevada's most beautiful slot canyons. Along the way, we will search for wildlife, fossils, petroglyphs, and enjoy the scenic view. Limited Space. Moderate, 4 Miles

***The Bureau of Land Management does not assume responsibility for these programs including loss or injury on land outside of its jurisdiction.**

Remember to LEAVE NO TRACE®

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Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave what you find

Minimize Campfire impact

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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